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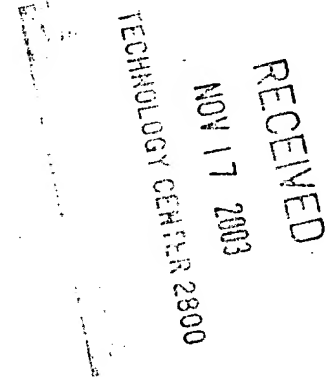


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASANOBU SAITO, et al.) Examiner: M. Nghiem
Application No.: 09/887,119) Group Art Unit: 2863
Filed: June 25, 2001)
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) November 10, 2003
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P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, for one month from October 15, 2003, to Monday, November 17, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
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Respectfully submitted,



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